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BANJO ROSO.



My Mas - - sa an my Mis - - - sus, dey both am gone a - way, Dey





gone to de sulpher springs de summer months to stay, An while dey'r off toged\_er on dis

lit\_tle kind ob spree, I'll go down to Charleston de pret\_ty gals to see.

## CHORUS

I'm off for Charleston ear\_ly in de morn\_ing, I'm off for Charleston a

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lit - \_tle while to stay, Give my respects to ev - \_ry pret - ty yal - ler gal, I'm

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off for Charleston be - fore de broke ob day.

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My Nelly waved her hankerchief when she seed me go,  
 Floating down de riber wid de old banjo,  
 As I stood and gazed upon her I wiped away a tear,  
 An de last word I sed to her was far you well my dear,

CHORUS . I'm off for Charleston &c

3

It begin to rain a little de night was very dark,  
 An when my Nelly said good bye de dogs begin to bark,  
 De dog he 'scart de buzard de buzard scart de coon,  
 Dey all made a nigger run till next day noon,

CHORUS . I'm off for Charleston &c

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De coon begin to tire de dog he tire too,  
 De nigger he got tireder an he didnt know what to do,  
 De buzzards kept a flying till de chickens gin to crow,  
 Den he come down to hear me play de old banjo,

CHORUS . I'm off for Charleston &c

5

Charleston is a pretty place de gals dey kiss so sweet,  
 Dey am so slender bout de waist and dress so bery neat,  
 But Id rudder kiss my Nell, dan all de gals I eber see,  
 Kase her breff is like an orange blossom hanging on a tree,

CHORUS . I'm off for Charleston &c



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